

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Art Unit: 2431
Girault et al.	Examiner: Michael R. Vaughan
Application No. 10/590,794	Date of Mailing of "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due": July 2, 2010
Filed: September 18, 2006	
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PERFORMING A CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATION	

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**COMMENTS**

The applicants generally agree with the Examiner's determination that the prior art does not teach the invention claimed in the allowed application. However, the applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's characterization of the teachings of the prior art or the Examiner's interpretation of the claims of the application. The specification and the prosecution history in their entirety provide the basis for allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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